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Docket No. 37355-181

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Appln. of Moreau, Jr., et al.

Appln. No. 10/616,434

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For: **Systems and Methods for  
Automatically Establishing  
Merchant Accounts for  
Transaction Card Usage**

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Applicants submit that this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, Applicants submit that no fee or certification is necessary for consideration of the cited references pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97.

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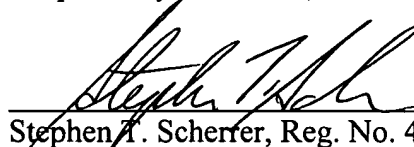
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